

CLAIMS

1. A catheter with a conduit for draining body fluid from at least one inlet opening in the proximal, insertable, end of the catheter to at least one outlet opening, said catheter comprising first and second parts, wherein the first part forms the proximal end, and the
5 second part forms the distal end, the first and second parts having different cross-sectional size and/or shape and being joined in a fixed connection, characterized in that the first part is at least partly encapsulated in a sleeve which is attached to the catheter to leave at least a portion of the second part of the catheter uncovered thereby.
2. A catheter according to claim 1, wherein the sleeve is detachably attached to the
10 outer surface of the catheter.
3. A catheter according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the sleeve forms at least a part of a liquid tight encapsulation of the first part.
4. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the first part is entirely encapsulated by the sleeve.
- 15 5. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the at least one inlet opening is sealed by a detachable closure.
6. A catheter according to claim 5, wherein the closure forms part of the sleeve.
7. A catheter according to claims 4 or 5, wherein the at least one outlet opening is sealed by a detachable closure.
- 20 8. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the first and second parts are made from different materials.
9. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the length of the second part constitutes at least 1/3 of the total length of the catheter.
10. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the first and second
25 parts are made in one piece.
11. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the second part is made with a higher bending moment than the first part.
12. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the second part is made with a higher surface friction than the first part.
- 30 13. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the second part in a radial direction extends 2-10 times the radial size of the first part.
14. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the second part comprises connection means for connecting collecting means for collection of the body fluid.
- 35 15. A catheter according to any of claims 1-13, wherein the outlet opening is in fluid connection with a receptacle for collection of the body fluid.
16. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the sleeve is made from a dimensionally stable material.

17. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the sleeve forms part of a package for encapsulation of the first and the second parts in individual compartments.
- 5 18. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the sleeve or the first or the second part is made from a thermoplastic material.
19. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, wherein sterility is maintainable within the sleeve during direct contact with the second part.
20. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, made for draining urine from a bladder or urinary tract.
- 10 21. A sleeve for a catheter with inlet openings in its insertable end, said sleeve forming an oblong body with a cavity for the catheter and an opening for inserting the catheter into the cavity, characterised in that the cavity forms a cap portion covering the inlet openings of the catheter when the catheter is arranged in the cavity.